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EDMONTON, AUGUST 29 (CANADA NEWS-WIRE) -- IN A REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS, PE BEN OILFIELD SERVICES LTD. ANNOUNCED THAT RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1975, CONTINUED TO REFLECT THE VARIOUS DELAYED PROJECTS OF WORK IN HAND.

NET LOSS FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS, BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS AMOUNTED TO DLRS (154,635) OR (8.5) CENTS PER SHARE, AS COMPARED TO AN EARNING OF DLRS 379,624 OR 21 CENTS PER SHARE, FOR THE SIMILAR PERIOD OF 1974. EXTRAORDINARY LOSS DUE TO THE TERMINATION OF THE PANARCTIC CONTRACT, LESS RECOVERY OF TAXES RESULTED IN A LOSS OF DLRS 114,811 FOR A TOTAL LOSS FOR THE PERIOD OF DLRS (269,446) OR (1.49) CENTS PER SHARE.

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WORKING CAPITAL POSITION WAS REDUCED TO DLRS 1,116,839 AS COMPARED TO DLRS 1,687,439 FOR THE SAME PERIOD OF 1974, AND THIS WAS DUE MAINLY TO DECREASE IN LONG TERM DEBT FROM DLRS 2,402,120 AT JUNE 30, 1974 TO DLRS 933,775 AT JUNE 30, 1975, BY SALE OF EQUIPMENT USED ON THE PANARCTIC PROJECT.

DESPITE THE LACK OF RESURGENCE IN SUPPORT WORK TO THE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION INDUSTRY, DIVERSIFICATION BY MANAGEMENT HAS MORE THAN REPLACED THE REVENUES NORMALLY CONTRIBUTED BY THIS DIVISION AND THE RECENTLY DISCONTINUED PANARCTIC CONTRACT.

DURING JULY THE N.A.R. INTERMODAL CONTRACT HAS COMMENCED TO ACCELERATE AND SHOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

OUR HYDRO SERVICE DIVISION HAS COMMENCED WORK ON SEVERAL MAJOR CONTRACTS IN THE PROVINCES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND ALBERTA SLATED FOR COMPLETION IN EARLY DECEMBER.

THE STRINGING DIVISION STARTED THE TRANSPORTATION AND STRINGING ON 127 MILES OF 24 INCH AND 30 INCH PIPE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA AND THESE PROJECTS SHOULD BE COMPLETE PRIOR TO AUGUST 31, 1975.

RECENTLY WE WERE AWARDED CONTRACTS BY SEVERAL PIPELINE CONTRACTORS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION AND STRINGING OF 350 MILES OF 30 INCH PIPE ON THE SARNIA TO MONTREAL INTERPROVINCIAL PIPELINE SYSTEM. WORK IS TO START IN EARLY SEPTEMBER AND FINISH PRIOR TO DECEMBER 15, 1975.

THESE PROJECTS WILL ASSIST US IN OBTAINING THE LARGEST GROSS REVENUES EVER EXPERIENCED BY YOUR COMPANY FOR A SIX MONTH PERIOD AND DESPITE THE LOSS EXPERIENCED IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1975 NET EARNINGS SHOULD EXCEED THOSE EARNINGS REALIZED FOR 1974.

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